

## House Resolution 851

By: Representatives Allison of the 8<sup>th</sup>, Collins of the 27<sup>th</sup>, Graves of the 12<sup>th</sup>, Neal of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Ralston of the 7<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Kevin Harris, the 9th District Republican Party  
2 Chairman; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Blue Ridge, Georgia, Mr. Kevin Harris graduated from Fannin  
4 County High School in 1987, earned an associate's degree from Young Harris College, and  
5 earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, upon his graduation from the University of Georgia, Mr. Harris was selected  
7 as chairman of the Fannin County Republican Party, the youngest chairman in the  
8 organization's history; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris currently serves as chairman for the Republican Party's 9th District  
10 of Georgia where his hard work, dedication, and diligence resulted in historic triumphs at the  
11 local, state, and federal levels for the 2008 elections; and

12 WHEREAS, due in part to Mr. Harris's focus on providing financial support and assistance  
13 at the local level, the 9th District elections resulted in the election of the highest percentage  
14 of Republican candidates to office with nearly 79 percent; and

15 WHEREAS, for the first time in the history of the 9th District, after the 2008 elections, the  
16 majority of the sheriffs, tax commissioners, clerks of court, and coroners in the district are  
17 politically affiliated with the Republican Party; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris had a dramatic impact with his assistance in the state level races in  
19 2008 as well, allowing the 9th District to emerge as the strongest grassroots district in  
20 Georgia and serving as the only congressional district in this state with every legislative  
21 member elected as a Republican; and

22 WHEREAS, at the federal election level, Mr. Harris's leadership and drive were vital in  
23 Senator John McCain overwhelmingly carrying the 9th District, earning Senator Saxby  
24 Chambliss his highest percentage district win in this state, and earning the 9th District the  
25 distinction as the only district in this state in which all the Republican federal and state  
26 candidates on the ballot won every county; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris is united in love and marriage to Melanie Howard Harris and is  
28 blessed with two wonderful children, Jordan and Grant; and

29 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his keen sense of vision,  
30 and his dedication to the Republican Party have earned him the respect and admiration of his  
31 colleagues and associates; and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
32 accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
34 the members of this body commend Mr. Kevin Harris for his efficient, effective, and devoted  
35 service to the Republican Party and the 9th District.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Kevin Harris.